

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

MAY 19, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending: Barbara Estabrook, Chair; Greg Hutchins, Secretary; Marion Powers, Nancy Kumaraswami, Anne Krinsky, Mary Spinosa-Wilson, Pascale Belin White (arrived 7:50 during discussion of film series), Suman Adishesu (arrived 8:00 during discussion of art project budget)

Members Absent: Mitzi Garcia-Weil, Yanni Gou, Padma Kuchimanchi

ABRHS Student Advisory Members Attending: Hannah Sim, Nichita Kulkarni, Maya Hardimon

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM in Room 126 of Acton Town Hall.

Draft Minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Kumaraswami moved, seconded by Anne Krinsky, to accept the Minutes as drafted. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Barbara Estabrook reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There were no comments.

Barbara discussed the response to this year's foreign film series. There were approximately 20 attendees on average for each film. It was felt that this year's venue at Acton Town Hall was a substantial improvement over past years, both for seating and sound quality. Marion Powers suggested a marketing slogan for another film series in 2012: "May is movie month."

Anne Krinsky reviewed the partial budget she had prepared for the fall recycled art project workshop. Pascale Belin-White reviewed the letter she was preparing to send to art teachers in the Acton-Boxborough and Minuteman Schools to invite their participation and that of their students. There was further discussion of the age cut-off for children to participate in the workshop. It was agreed that 5th and 6th graders would be allowed to participate only with the assistance of a parent or guardian, and that children from 7th grade and above would be permitted to participate without requiring a parent or guardian's involvement. Anne requested contact information for the art department at Minuteman Technical High School. Anne also indicated that the workshop would need certain materials to be set aside by the Departments of Public Works in both towns. A list of such materials is to be provided to Marion Powers.

Marion moved, seconded by Anne, that the Council budget \$2,000, to be split equally between Acton and Boxborough, for the recycled art workshop and exhibition. The motion passed unanimously.

The exhibition is to open on October 15 and run through November 19, 2011. Discussion led to a consensus that miniature and table-top items could only be displayed on opening day. It was also agreed to allow photographs of the workshop and of recycled art on display elsewhere to be added to a potential indoor wall-hung component of the exhibit.

A name for the recycled art project was discussed. The Council settled on “The Art of Recycling sculpture workshop with Bill Turville” and “The Art of Recycling exhibit of outdoor sculpture and indoor wall-hung works.”

Barbara informed the Council that Mitzi Garcia-Weil had notified the Acton Recreation Department of the Council’s interest in co-sponsoring the June 11 Bluegrass Festival at NARA Park. She also reported that Janet Adachi had been named as the Acton Board of Selectmen’s liaison to the Council. Ms. Adachi entered the room as she was in the process of leaving another meeting taking place at Town Hall that night, and remained for the duration of the meeting. Individual Council members introduced themselves to Ms. Adachi.

Barbara led a discussion of Council openings for the coming fiscal year. In light of Mitzi’s departure from the Council, a new Treasurer would be needed. Greg Hutchins offered to assume the duties of Treasurer, which would in turn create a need for a new Secretary. Greg agreed to prepare a “job description” for the Secretary and submit it to Barbara. Barbara also asked the members to check their calendars for Monday – Thursday evening availability to attend meetings starting in the Fall, and to let her know via e-mail which night(s) worked best for them. She emphasized the need for members to attend the bulk of the meetings held in order to assure an equal share of the Council’s work is handled by all members. She also asked members to review the local guidelines for awarding grants.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.